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They are both constantly on the point of tears. HLP & SRP:  
"We've had enough suffering in this family to carry  
in for two hundred years. [Pause]. What I want to  
know is, what caused it. Where did it get it from?"  
WSP to the group: "Don't give up, boy. Don't give up."  
We were all just about crying at that point. At  
that point, SRP remarked: "Yes. Where there's  
life, there's hope. This thing has to be fought  
with every cell in your body. No ball game is not  
over by a long shot."

Amazingly, we managed to have a largely  
normal Thanksgiving meal -- in many many  
respects it was just like usual. HLP wondering  
if we all had enough to eat and of course we  
we all practically falling off the chair from  
over-eating; Cousin Peg and William discovered  
each other today -- they fooled around much of  
the day and were very much entertained by  
each other. Laura, April & William are really  
good kids: each quite wonderful in his or her own  
way. After dinner was over, and we had all  
rested a bit and did the dishes, Peg & William &  
April & SRP took a walk down to RTP's so that  
April & William could "fix the Cittern" --  
feed the 3 horses & half dozen or so sheep &  
the peacocks & pheasants. On the way down, I  
took three photographs: April, Wm., and  
Peg/April/William. Perhaps I can have the  
prints made into Christmas presents for the 3 of  
them.

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No Ecumenical service ceremony was wonderful. I  
was in my usual pew when Joe Pascoe came in  
he called out my name & I went & sat with him &  
Mason Essig & his mother. The spirit of cooperation &  
optimism & harmony & good cheer that emerged  
from the service was truly extraordinary. Both  
Bartholomay and Stanger are going to retire this  
year and Monsignor Horan made a very touching  
tribute to both of them; Pullin and Horan are  
buddies. No harmony among the members  
of the Ministerium is extraordinary, especially in  
light of the religious war/battles that used to  
characterize Carbondale life very often. Monsignor  
Horan is a very engaging man & a really well  
versed man in the pulpit. Very funny & very  
serious, alternately. WDAU-Channel 22 was  
present and I knew that I would be on the  
Evening News -- at 6 P.M. We all  
watched and there I was for about 3 seconds.  
I wonder if anyone I know, besides members  
of the family, saw and recognized SRP.

Tried to telephone OWP several times today from  
the Golf course. No luck. Will try again after  
11 P.M. when <sup>the</sup> 60% reduction in rates goes into  
effect. Today HLP remarked to me at one point:  
"I wonder if Don's having turkey today?" Peg  
also asked <sup>me</sup> at one point: "Don's not coming?"  
Not was that.

Very cold today and tonight: in the teens. Deer  
hunting season begins on Monday -- schools closed.